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River residents concerned about high winter water levels

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Some residents of the Gull River are already growing concerned about what might happen in the spring, as levels are running higher than usual for this time of year.

"I would say, they're basically high summer levels," Wally Reed said of what he's observed from his property during the past several weeks. Reed lives along the river about 1,000 metres upstream from the point where it empties into Gull Lake.

Reed told the paper from what he's seen, levels are up as much as 18 inches from where they typically are this time of year, after the fall draw-down by Parks Canada.

Reed has owned his property since the 1980s, and has lived there year-round since 2003.

"I'm already concerned about what the spring might hold," he said.

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Dashing through the snow

Horse-drawn wagon rides were among the many activities offered at Christmas in the Village on Saturday, Dec. 9 in Kinmount. More on page 11./DARREN LUM Staff

Usage up at YWCA's SafeSpace

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

It's been a busy year for the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), with new clients seeking out its services.

HERS, operated by the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA, provides a safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

The facility was closed from November of 2015 through March 2016 due to usage outpacing financial resources and late last year, the YWCA launched a fundraising campaign, seeking to raise \$120,000 to help keep the space open for the next two years and also conduct a sustainability study on providing services in rural areas.

That sustainability study, which included

a number of surveys and focus groups, was conducted through the summer and fall of this year.

While the YWCA is not yet prepared to release its findings publicly, the organization plans to make a presentation to Haliburton County council with the results early in the new year.

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Lack of leadership on water levels, resident says

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Reed isn't alone.

"As a Gull River resident who has been through two floods in the past four years and observes the river on a daily basis, it's really clear that the river, now, is much higher than it is typically in December, and that's a concern, given recent history," Patrick Walshe, who lives along the Gull just outside Minden, told the paper. "We're in a changing environment, and yet, our behaviours don't seem to change."

The Gull River is part of the feeder system for the Trent-Severn Canal, and water from more than 20 reservoir and flow-through lakes north of Minden must pass through the river between Horseshoe and Gull lakes. The Township of Minden Hills declared states of emergency during severe flooding in the springs of 2013 and 2017.

Parks Canada, which operates the Trent-Severn Waterway, is ultimately responsible for water management operations in the reservoir system. The provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is responsible for flood forecasting and warning. Municipalities are responsible for the local emergency management. There have been repeated calls from the public for the municipality to make physical changes along the Gull River where it passes through Minden to prevent flooding in the community.

"My question is, who owns this?" Walshe said. "To whom do you say, own this, it's up to you to take the lead on a water management plan that makes sense for 2017 and going forward?"

Walshe says there is a continued lack of leadership on the issue.

"As property owners, we have the right to be concerned that there doesn't seem to be any conspicuous leadership on this," he said.

Walshe's home is relatively new and during its construction, he said the township required that a hydrostatic study be completed, "which resulted in a us doubling the strength of the walls," Walshe said, giving the township kudos for taking that step.

So, on one hand, he says, the township is being proactive when it comes to the flooding issue.

"On the other hand, there's kind of a conspicuous lack of ownership on the water management side, which is a much bigger issue," Walshe said. "How can you go to meetings and watch people talk about their houses having no value? It's their future. How can you not want to take control of this? ... 'Well, we'll make more sandbags.' That's not a solution."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin agrees the river is running high.

"Absolutely, that's a fact," said Devolin, who also lives along the Gull. "I look out the front door and see the river, every day."

Devolin noted the high amount of precipitation there has been throughout the year and that water levels have been running high in some areas throughout 2017.



Some residents of the Gull River are concerned about how high the river's water levels are for this time of year. / CHAD INGRAM Staff

"We had a wet spring, summer and fall," he said.

The *Times* asked Parks Canada to explain why the river is running high.

"The average December flows in the Gull River at Norland are slightly above (plus 1.3 cubic metres per second) the historic average from the Water Survey of Canada records, and lower than December average flows during the most recent years (2012-2015) with the exception of the very dry 2016," reads an email from Parks Canada staff. "The Gull River reservoir lakes are also at their average historic water level for this time of year. The precipitation we have received recently has also had the effect of holding the water levels relatively stable across the watershed. Parks Canada's water management team will continue to closely monitor water levels."

As for flood mitigation, Devolin stressed it was not the responsibility of any one level of government.

"It isn't unilaterally under the authority of any one body to deal with it," Devolin said, adding that flood planning and mitigation involve federal, provincial and municipal governments, as well as private sector partners. "A couple of those players move pretty slowly. This a long, long game."

Even if he wanted them to be, the mayor said, water management decisions are not within the scope of the municipal sphere.

Devolin told the paper he believed the introduction of the township's emergency response plan had improved the effectiveness of the municipal response to flooding, and that a spirit of co-operation has been achieved between the levels of government.

Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro visited Minden during the spring flood, and county politicians met with Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Kathryn McGarry and a staff member of federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in August.

With them, local politicians took a submission from Haliburton County and the Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership, or UTWMP, which made a number of requests of the ministries, including funding support.

The Township of Minden Hills has received money from the National Disaster Mitigation Fund for the completion of a drainage study and Haliburton County has applied to the fund for money to perform LIDAR mapping in the area. LIDAR, or Light Detection and Ranging, uses a laser-based system to produce extremely detailed topographical images.

"So, what does that mean?" Walshe said. "What happens after LIDAR? What is the expected outcome? Nobody talks about outcomes."

"You don't build a house and put the trusses up first, you start with the foundation," Devolin told the paper, saying that LIDAR mapping would be used as the blueprint for all flood mitigation planning moving forward, including elements such as dam design. More effective movement of water through the system should help mitigate instances of flooding, Devolin said, and pointed to the reconstruction of the dam at the foot of Gull Lake as an example of this. That dam is being replaced as part of some \$59 million the federal government is spending on TSW infrastructure in the county, the new dam planned to have increased flow capacity.

A meeting of UTWMP is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 19. UTWMP includes representatives from Haliburton County, as well as the Municipality of Trent Lakes, the Township of North Kawartha, and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. According to the organization, "its primary purpose is to be a single voice for the Reservoir and Flow-Through (RaFT) lakes in the Haliburton sector of the Trent watershed on issues of water management. The goal of the partnership is to advance integrated water management across the entire Trent River watershed for the protection of aquatic resources, the environment, property values, and local economies."

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Realtors spread Christmas cheer

For the sixth year in a row, Century 21 realtors in Minden met with Marilynne Lesperance and Pat Thornett to make an annual donation of \$500 to the Minden Community Food Hub Centre prior to Christmas. "We really like what they do, and we really appreciate what they do," said Andrew Hodgson on Dec. 5.

"Their ongoing support is phenomenal," said Lesperance, who noted the food bank could help supply 180 Christmas hampers because of the generosity of the community.

- Sue Tiffin

Back row from left, Andrew Hodgson, Christine Sharp, Dagmar Boettcher, David Lee, Jenny Bacon, Dean Michel, Tom Ecclestone, Brandon Nimigon. Front row from left, Lee Gauthier, Anne Hodgson, Marilynne Lesperance, Pat Thornett, Denise LeBlanc, Melanie Vigrass, Karen Nimigon. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Suzanne Partridge named 2018 warden

Haliburton County named Suzanne Partridge as the new warden on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the county chambers in Minden. Partridge was nominated by Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey. Burton said she has served the county for close to 20 years. She thanked those in attendance at the inauguration ceremony, calling it an "honour" to be named warden and thanked the "two most important men" in her life for being there: her younger brother Scott, who lives in Bobcaygeon, and her partner Rob Billings.

/DARREN LUM Staff



Improved outreach, referrals contributing to SafeSpace demand

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Haliburton County contributed \$25,000 over two years to the fundraising campaign.

One thing that is clear is that demand for the services of the safe space continues to grow.

Jennifer Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, believes there are a few reasons for this.

"The first is that new women were seeking us out," Cureton said, adding that it seems there is now heightened awareness of the service in the community. "Sometimes we can be too secretive, to the point of being too

quiet."

"We're also starting to get more referrals from our community partners," Cureton said.

As Cureton explained, a safe space differs from a shelter, in that it operates when required.

"A shelter operates 24/7 and is there waiting," she said.

"A safe space operates 24/7 and is there if they need it. But if they don't need it, it's not there."

A number of local politicians expressed dismay at the scope of domestic abuse in Haliburton County during the YWCA's campaign for funds last year.

In 2016, the organization helped 124 individual women in Haliburton County, fielding

more than 1,200 crisis calls and conducting some 670 outreach counsel sessions. Issues of poverty, isolation and a lack of transportation in rural areas can worsen conditions for women subject to domestic abuse.

As Cureton told councillors at the time, with nowhere else to go, some women stay with their abusers, exchanging sex and enduring abuse for food and shelter.

Since the five-month closure between late 2015 and early 2016, HERS has been able to remain open. Cureton said that was largely due to the fundraising campaign.

"We had tremendous support from the community," she said. "I want to say thank you."

The YWCA is continually fundraising to

help support its activities.

"We continue to do community fundraising throughout the year," Cureton said.

"We hope people will continue to give generously as the year draws to a close."

The organization's main source of funding is the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services and Cureton said the YWCA continues to seek a more sustainable, long-term funding model.

The ministry funds approximately 60 per cent of costs.

Cureton stressed there are no plans to remove service in the county.

"Not having a service in Haliburton is not on anyone's agenda," she said.

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Housing dollars a few years off, Devolin says

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

Haliburton County has a long way to go on housing, from increasing the number of units of affordable housing to creating incentives for private builders to expanding options for seniors, says Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

Billions of dollars over the next 10 years was announced in November to lift tens of thousands of Canadians out of homelessness, assist others in making rent payments, build new affordable housing and repair current housing.

Devolin, who is a member of City of Kawartha Lakes-County of Haliburton Joint Housing and Social Services Advisory Committee and the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation Board, said he's not expecting to know the local implications of the money until sometime in March and that dollars won't start to roll out for another two years.

"It might be late [20]19, but it's more likely 2020 until the rubber meets the road," said Devolin. "People who have been housing advocates for a long time, it isn't happening fast enough [for them], but some of them have seen that even within the existing programs we've made some headway in the last five or 10 years and this adds some more money and some more dimensions of it."

Over the last three years, 34 new affordable housing units have been built through the housing corporation with another 33 to come. There are currently 237 financially-assisted housing units within the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

In Haliburton County, 414 households are on the waitlist for affordable housing.

Devolin said aside from this funding, Minden Hills has been working toward enticing the private sector to create housing.

He said he wanted to create preferential zoning or community improvement areas, but it's a long-term process.

"What we had to first do is we had to modify the county official plan so that was permissible. Now that that's done, we can go to work and we will ..., in the next year or so in Minden Hills, see if we can take advantage of some of those tools ... to create some incentives so the private side may do some of this [housing] for us as well," he said.

The mayor also expressed concern that there is not enough housing for seniors. His preference was a three-stage complex, which would feature one section with retirement home style accommodations; another with long-term care, 24-7 support for those with more serious health issues; and another section for end-of-life care.

During conferences hosted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Devolin said there are opportunities for municipal politicians to make delegations to provincial ministers and during that time he would put forward the county's need for more long-term care housing.

He also pointed out that 2018 is a provincial election year and is the perfect time for citizens to raise issues with candidates.

With files from Sue Tiffin



Some colourful school spirit

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Noelle Dupret Smith paints the face of Caitlin Peacock during the local high school's Red and White Day on Friday, Dec. 8 to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary.

/DARREN LUM Staff



CSS enjoys a holiday treat

Gord Kidd, centre, and friends entertained at Haliburton Highlands Health Services' Community Support Services' annual holiday luncheon at the Minden Legion on Dec. 7./CHAD INGRAM Staff



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A boat launch for Bob Lake

THE TOWNSHIP of Minden Hills should construct a new public boat launch on Bob Lake.

This may seem an outlandish statement. Ensuring public access to waterbodies is not something municipalities are required to do. However, the situation at Bob Lake is an anomaly.

As regular readers of this publication will be aware, in 2016, a long-used boat launch on Bob Lake, long-believed to a publicly owned one, was barricaded by owner of the property where it is located.

It turned out, despite being used by lake residents for generations, and despite being advertised as a municipally owned launch, the launch was located on private property. The family that owns the property decided they no longer wanted people using the boat launch, as is their right.

While councillors looked for potential long-term solutions through last winter, that search proved unfruitful, and this boating season Bob Lake residents – there are about 250 properties on the lake – were left to their own devices.

Up until this fall, Bob Lake had been without a property owners' association, residents instead represented by a series of roads associations. Wisely, residents have banded together and, in September, formed the Bob Lake Association, which will provide them with a unified voice.

Members of that association came before Minden Hills council earlier this month, with a proposal to construct a boat launch on a municipally owned shoreline road allowance along Claude Brown

Road. In what councillors noted was a well-researched presentation, association representatives requested the municipality cover the cost of the construction of that boat launch, at about \$30,000.

There was mixed reaction to the suggestion on the *Times's* social media channels.

"Don't hold your breath for the town to pay," wrote one reader.

"Nor should it," responded another.

And that's fair. Using tax dollars to construct a public launch on Lake A could certainly create a precedent for residents of Lake B to say they also want a publicly funded boat ramp. As mentioned earlier, this is not something that is a municipal responsibility.

However, the situation at Bob Lake is an anomaly. It is an anomaly because the township played a role in the years' long confusion that the launch was publicly owned. That's the catch, and it makes all the difference.

While the township has no legal obligation to construction a public boat launch on Bob Lake, one could argue it has an ethical obligation to.

Put yourself in the place of a Bob Lake resident, one who purchased a property on the lake with the understanding it had a public boat launch, then, poof, that asset is suddenly gone.

And, a public ramp would not be for use solely by lake residents.

As another reader pointed out on the paper's Facebook page, "a publicly funded boat launch is a good idea, provided everyone understands that it's for public use (not just property owners)."

The proposal is a relatively inexpensive and simple solution to a complicated problem.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

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Hare hunting your way to health and happiness

AS I WRITE this, there is just about seven inches of snow on our front lawn. The good news is I will not have to mow it any time soon. The bad news is, I will probably be tempted to hunt for varying hares.

Most people think of this as bad news for the hares – and, boy, are they ever mistaken. Hunting hares is one of those things that desperate hunters do when all the other hunting opportunities are no longer available.

It begins as a cold, damp and often exhausting activity. But after you squeeze yourself in to last year's snow pants, it's just plain frustrating. For the hares, however, it is their version of satellite TV – basically the most entertaining thing about winter.

Don't get me wrong. Hunting hares can be a lot of fun – but only if you see them first. Yes, if you see a white animal sitting perfectly still under a bunch of branches on a snowy, white backdrop first.

The old adage is look for the glistening black marbles of their eyes against the snow. This should not be confused with the glistening black pellets they leave behind, though it often is.

Most times, a hare hunt is merely a walk, often on snowshoes through conifer forests, swamp edges and other places where delinquent branches conspire to remove your hat and then dump snow down the back of your collar. Of course, this does not always happen. Sometimes the snow gets dumped down your plumber's crack.

On occasion you will see this ambush coming. So you will smile knowingly, take a side step to avoid it and promptly jam the tip

of your snowshoe under a buried log so that you can do a proper face plant in the snow.

Then, you will pick yourself up and dust the snow out of your eyes, only to see a snowshoe hare run off.

Now, let's talk about what happens on a bad hare hunt.

Just kidding.

On the plus side, hare hunts are actually a great way for the hunter to develop fitness, but only in that, if you hunt for hares more than a few times each winter, you'll soon want to take up cross country skiing.

One of the worst things about hare hunting is the hat head you get after snowshoeing for hours and building up a sweat that you'd rarely attain in summer.

The worst example for me happened a few years ago after spending hours and hours traversing a cedar swamp and building up quite a lather.

Despite all this, I only put up two hares, each of which I missed cleanly.

By the time I left the woods, I was soaked, shivering, frustrated and had sweat dripping down my head. So I stopped at a local coffee shop to buy a hot chocolate and a doughnut to stoke the furnace and regroup.

Before entering, I took off my hunter orange coat and hat and all my hunting paraphernalia so that I wouldn't get too many stares, since I was now in a more urban area. But wouldn't you know it, people still immediately figured out that I had been chasing hares and was unsuccessful to boot.

As much as I tried to wipe off the sweat on my brow, people immediately noticed.

In fact, the woman who served me whispered to her co-worker that I was having a bad hare day.

**STEVE GALEA**
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Drowning in plastic

SOMETIMES I WORRY about the strangest things. Like yesterday I worried whether the plastic drink cup I saw tossed from a car window will end up in the ocean.

It's entirely possible. The wind blows it into a creek that flows into a lake drained by a river that goes to Lake Ontario, into the St. Lawrence River and eventually out to the Atlantic Ocean. Plastic never decomposes completely, so that cup has plenty of time to make the journey.

If it does, it will join the estimated 10 million tons of plastic entering the oceans every year. The scientific journal PLOS ONE has published a study that estimates there now are 270,000 tons of plastic floating on the oceans. Some of these floating carpets are dense enough to block sunlight from entering the water.

All that plastic has an impact on wildlife. A University of British Columbia study found that 93 per cent of beached northern fulmars had plastic in their bellies. Fulmars are migratory seabirds related to the albatross.

Ocean plastic pollution is estimated to kill or injure more than 260 species around the world.

A good chunk of ocean plastic debris is plastic bags. We Canadians use nine to 15 billion plastic bags a year, says the environmental group Greener Footprints. That is enough plastic bags to encircle the earth 55 times. (Folks in the U.S. use an estimated 100 billion plastic bags every year.)

Plastics are a helpful and important part of life today. They are in almost everything that we use but the problem is that, like many other things, we overuse them.

Plastic bags are an example. Various sources estimate the world uses up to one trillion plastic bags a year, or roughly one million every minute. Only one in every 200 of those bags gets recycled.

There is so much concern about plastic bags damaging the environment that user fees, restrictive laws and outright bans are being put in place. A variety of

Canadian cities have, or are considering, measures to control plastic bag use.

Some African nations have placed controls or outright bans on plastic bags. Kenya has passed laws under which anyone selling or importing plastic bags can get up to four years in prison.

Rwanda has declared plastic bags contraband. It is illegal to produce, import, use or sell plastic bags and plastic packaging except within specific industries like health care. Rwandan border guards say women have been caught smuggling plastic bags – tucking them into their bras and underpants.

Plastics are only one part, albeit a large part, of the world's waste pollution problem. Even all the admirable efforts being made to recycle are hitting snags. Too often there is too much recyclable waste to recycle.

China, the world's largest importer of waste for recycling, has announced that it will restrict the type of waste it imports for recycling. The Chinese import huge amounts of waste, which they recycle for producing goods they export for sale, or use for themselves.

The U.S. shipped \$56 billion worth of scrap to China last year, mainly plastic, metal and paper. European Union countries send 87 per cent of all their plastic waste to China.

The problem is that recyclable waste often contains contaminants that must be sorted and removed before recycling. Sorting and removing contaminants costs time and money. China will no longer take waste containing more than 0.5 per cent contaminants.

Experts say it will be nearly impossible to meet the 0.5 per cent target. So the U.S. and other major waste exporters to China will be stuck with huge amounts of waste.

The real answer to stopping waste pollution, plastic and otherwise, will not be found only in recycling. We all need to use less; stop our incredible overuse of almost everything. And, focus and educate ourselves about what is happening to our environment.

Some will argue that using more is good for the economy. More products rolling off conveyor belts mean more jobs and more money.

Yes, but we all should pause and consider a quote from Edward Abbey, the American writer and environmentalist:

"Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell."

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they were lost and were trying to find the American lines. Seeing their condition, she decided to prepare their Christmas meal. She sent Fritz to get six potatoes, and Hermann their rooster. He was named after Hermann Goering, the Nazi leader, who Elisabeth did not care for. While Hermann was roasting, there was another knock on the door, and there stood four armed German soldiers. Knowing the penalty for harbouring the enemy was execution, Elisabeth still invited them in saying "It is the Holy Night and there will be no shooting here." She took all the weapons and stored them outside. The smell of roast Hermann and potatoes began to take the edge off. The Germans produced a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread. The truce lasted through the night and into the morning. When they parted in the morning the German Corporal directed the Americans and gave them a compass. Their weapons were returned, and they set off in opposite directions. The truce was over.

'Tis the season . . . to shovel

THE SHOVELS HAVE come out of their summer hibernation, and are lined up against the fence like an army of soldiers waiting to do battle. The question is: "Am I?" I often hear a story on the radio at this time of the year about shovelling snow and how it can cause back pain, and other injuries.

How about we make a pact right now that none of us will suffer this winter. Who's in? If you are, start this routine now before the white stuff starts to pile up!

Exercises (15 to 20 minutes, three times a week):

Start with a warm-up of walking on the spot for five minutes. Swing your arms to help get the blood flowing.

Push-ups: 10 to 20 reps at the wall, or from your knees, or toes.

Squats: 10 to 20 reps. Be sure to keep your weight back on your heels.

Plank: five to 10 reps. This can be done on your elbows and your knees or your toes. Hold the position for five to 10 seconds, return to lying on the floor, and then re-engage, and lift for another repetition.

Superman: 10 to 20 reps. Lying on your belly on the floor, lift your right leg no more than 10 cm off of the floor, and then lift your left arm. Hold for a moment. Return to the floor position, and then repeat on the other side. This is a great exercise for your back.

Shovelling snow takes a great amount of core strength. The exercises listed are basic body weight exercises. Doing these exercises regularly will improve your overall

function fitness. Do them slowly and be sure to practice with proper form.

Strengthening is only half of the equation. Muscles must be stretched so that they maintain their optimum length. When they are at their optimum length, they are their most powerful. And that is what we want. I will admit that stretching is not one of my

favourite things to do. It gets shoved (no pun intended) aside until I feel that twinge in my back or one of my knees, and then I know I've been neglecting an important part of the self-care process. Usually it takes only a couple of stretching sessions to get everything back to where it should be.

The most important muscles to stretch are those of the lower body. The calf muscles, the hamstrings, the quadriceps, and

my all time favourite – the gluteus muscles. A great resource for stretches of these muscles is the Stark Reality of Stretching by Dr. Stephen Stark. I have mentioned this book in a previous article. I still believe Dr. Stark's guide is one of the best.

Warming up prior to shovelling, or starting slowly, and stretching after you finish, is a healthy routine to get into. Sure it takes some extra time, but it is well worth it when you can look back and celebrate a pain free winter.

And don't forget the hot chocolate! Something to think about.

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Original opera at pavilion

Mishaabooz's *Realm*, an original opera written in the Haliburton Highlands, will be performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Thursday, Dec. 21 and Friday, Dec. 22 in Haliburton.

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Camera club winners

The latest competition was creative digital. For this competition, members were asked to get creative with their images by composing various images, adding special effects and trying something different. Here are the top winning images at each experience level:

First Advanced: "Bygone Days" by Fred Pyziak (right)

First Intermediate: "Black Eyed Susan" by Dave Dennis (above)

First Novice: "Mystic Misty Morning" by Heather Welham (top right)

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. See the website at highlandscameraclub.ca for details and to view more competition images.



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Santa comes to Kinmount

Minden's Laine King, 3, admires his gift from Santa during the Christmas in the Village event on Saturday, Dec. 9 in Kinmount.



Above, seven-year-old Trey Simmons of Gooderham is a study in concentration, decorating his gingerbread cookie at the Kinmount Farmers Market in the Kinmount Community Centre, as part of the family activities during the Christmas in the Village event on Saturday, Dec. 9 in Kinmount. Presented by the Kinmount Christmas in the Village Committee, the event included a free breakfast with Santa at the St. James Anglican Church; family activities and crafts; prizes for finding Kinny Elf, distributed through town; horse-drawn wagon rides; a chance for children to receive a gift and see Santa followed by a free family lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount Branch 441, which helped with the purchase of 110 gifts, and a live concert in the evening.

Left, Santa waves while riding in a horse-drawn wagon with children on the way to the Royal Canadian Legion Kinmount Branch 441 during the Christmas in the Village event.

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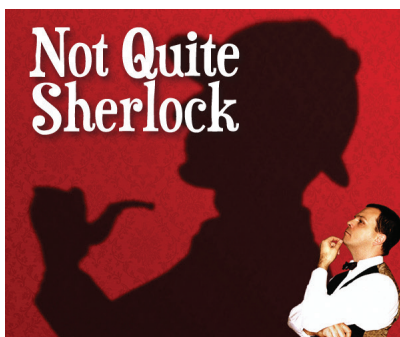


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Falcons spoil homecoming for Red Hawks

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When it was all said and done five points was the difference between sending fans home happy or a disappointing loss.

The senior Red Hawks basketball team lost in its home opener 28-24 to the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons, a perennial strong team renowned for a physical style of play.

“They’re real scrappy kind of team and it’s a real dogfight in the trenches and they’re a little bit heavier and bigger than we are so I thought we fought hard. We definitely have to work on our discipline. Just about when a game is tight and how we manage ourselves, both on the floor and on the bench. Keeping our emotions in check, but these are the kind of games we’ll be in all year. Really tight games. It’s a good lesson for us. It’s really early in the season. You know, we’re playing for February when we go single A,” Hawks coach Paul Longo said. “It’s all about learning and about getting better and trying to gel as a team. We had moments when things looked good. We had moments when we had a lot to work on. Give Fenelon credit they fought hard and they pulled it out in the end. It’s an ugly, scrappy game. Sometimes you win some of those and sometimes you don’t.”

There were a variety of challenges for the Hawks in the fourth quarter, which included turnovers rebounding, finishing inside the key on open looks and discipline.

As high school basketball goes, turnovers are a fact of the

game for every team. However Longo admitted the team committed more turnovers when it got “panicky.”

Another area that will be looked at for improvement is rebounding when the team had great difficulty on the glass in their own end. The Falcons took advantage, seeing multiple scoring chances following missed shots. It’s an area that Longo and the coaching staff will be working on to help the team improve.

This year’s team includes a Hawks player from south of the border. Starting among the five players against the Falcons was Emily Domerchie, who played the past two seasons, including 22 games as a guard for Prairie School Hawks in Racine, Wisconsin last season. She received praise by Longo for her basketball intelligence and skills.

“Emily is a great player. Very technically solid and sound and understands the game. We’re happy to have her,” he said. “She’s originally from Waterloo and then she was in Wisconsin for a couple years and now she is back here. We’re happy she is here. We’re learning a lot from her too. She’s played a lot of high level ball. Guys love her and it’s all very positive.”

Domerchie played in the 2014 CWOSSA AAAA junior championship for the Sir John A. Macdonald Highlanders, scoring eight points in the loss to Resurrection Phoenix.

Grade 11 rookies Connor Swinson and Austin French played well in limited minutes.

In the second quarter, the Hawks led 11-5 after they went on a 9-0 run. As the minutes ticked by, approaching the half, the



Red Hawks senior point guard and captain Sam Longo drives against a Fenelon Falls defender during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Haliburton. Although the Hawks led by as many as six points in the first half, the red and white lost 28-24 to the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons. /DARREN LUM Staff

Falcons responded with their own offensive run, scoring 11 points to Haliburton’s zero for a 14-11 lead. Before the half, the Hawks responded with four points to the Falcons’ one to enter the half tied at 15-15.

“There were two different runs there for sure. Our 9-0 run, we realized if we went to more pick and roll offence it freed up our big men a little bit and we were able to hit some shots from outside,” he said. “We didn’t shoot the ball really well at all today. That’s part of it too and we got little bit lucky. They went to the [free throw] line quite a bit and missed a lot of foul shots.”

Going into the fourth quarter, the Red Hawks were up 21-20.

The lead was short-lived, as the Falcons went up with a 26-21 lead with a little more than three minutes left in the game. Hawks captain Sam Longo, who led his team with nine points, sank a three-pointer at the 2:36 mark to draw the team to within two points and had the partisan crowd and his bench into hysterics. That was about as close the Hawks could come unfortunately for the red and white faithful. Missed open looks as far as offence and an inability to box out and grab rebounds ended the game 28-24.

“It’s all about learning and trying to improve day-by-day and get better,” he said.



The Red Hawks senior forward Emily Domerchie, left, drives with the ball against a Fenelon Falls defender during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Haliburton. Although the Hawks led by as many as six points in the first half, the red and white lost 28-24 to the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons.



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No secret to Minden's U18 boys rink

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There's a brotherly affection between members of the U18 boys' curling team, who have been making waves at bonspiels the past few weeks.

Splitting their practice time between the curling clubs out of Minden and Uxbridge, Bobcaygeon's Evan Roitz team has been playing well, most notably earning a second place at the U18 Pegasus Slam series event held from Nov. 10 to 12 at the Orillia Curling Club, which earned them a berth to the Slam Championship in Guelph from March 29 to April 2. The rink has been practising diligently and continues to compete. They finished third at the BroomSpiel bonspiel in East York on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Coached by Scotty Boyd, the team is comprised of 16-year-old Liam Little of Minden as second, the Bowers brothers of Uxbridge, 17-year-old Aidan as vice and 15-year-old Griffen as lead and Haliburton's Corin Gervais, 13, as fifth. Roitz might be from Bobcaygeon, but his heart belongs to the Minden area with a love for the club and with family living in the area.

Boyd said the greatest strength of this group is how much they play as a team.

"One of the things that has really worked out is they do complement one another. They do support one another and they are a team. We've seen that," he said. "We've seen excellent players and wonder why they don't do well. It's because ... they are individuals and not a team. These guys ... they back one another up. Someone is having a bad game they say something supportive rather than [be at each other]."

Their familiarity of one another enables them to work with each other's strengths and weaknesses to resolve challenges together.

It works that Roitz and Aidan are serious, as they decide the shots while Little and Aidan regularly do their best to keep things light. Aidan sees the personality mix a complementary aspect for the team.

"If you're serious all the time you get stressed out and then you can't make your shots. If you got people to joke around it's a lot easier," he said.

Little said it doesn't take much to keep things loose. He said a smile or simple reassurance for a shot goes a long way to alleviate tension.

Little admits the team will get tense, but they often attempt to keep everything in perspective.

"We take each end as if it's a game so it's either you win the first end or you win the second end. You take every end as a game. Once a shot is done it is done. You can't go back to it. You just learn from it," he said.

The team's success has only enriched the experience of playing. The boys put in the countless hours of practice, travel and competition. They enjoy playing and spending time with one another.

Driving the great distances for the curlers – splitting time between Minden and Uxbridge – is not very arduous because it's enjoyable, Aidan said.

"That's the most important part. I have tons of fun curling and competition is important to us and if I don't come here I don't have the ability to practice and to have the same level as others," he said.

The team came together through circumstance, as Aidan was looking for a team at the end of the summer. The team he was on had lost a player to college so he needed a team to compete with. He listed his name on an "orphan list" and was then contacted. He then asked his brother to join and the team was formed.

The team has their sights set on earning a spot at the Ontario Winter Games held from March 1 to 4 in Orillia. A strong showing at the Winter Games qualifier this Saturday and the team will be provincial championship bound. If they do well at the provincial event in March they could move onto the Canada Games. Boyd laughs and said this team is not looking beyond their next event.

Their coach Boyd said the second place at the Slam event in Orillia is the hallmark of the team.

"It really showed the dynamics of team. That they were able to pull together after a 20 minute break to get back in and show that strength that shows the unity within," he said.

The team's foursome is appreciative of their youngest member, Gervais, for his acceptance of fulfilling the crucial fifth role. The Grade 8 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student started curling with the Haliburton Curling Club's youth program when he was in Grade 4. He believes in the team and accepts his role to step in when needed. This week-



Minden's U18 boys' curling team is coached by Scotty Boyd, left, and includes Griffin Bowers, lead, Corin Gervais, fifth, Liam Little, second, Evan Roitz, skip, and Aidan Bowers, vice. The team are having fun and are highly competitive this season. Little comes from Minden, Gervais from Haliburton and Roitz of Bobcaygeon, while the Bowers brothers are from Uxbridge. The Roitz rink also curls out of the Uxbridge Curling Club. /DARREN LUM Staff

end he will play in a bonspiel for Little.

The team appreciates Boyd and their parents, who have been essential as supporters and as drivers for practice and competition.

For all the skill and verve for curling, the team is facing a challenge that can't improve with just attitude and practice. The cost of competing is an area the team needs assistance

with and are asking local businesses, parties or interested individuals to sponsor, either financially or with in-kind donations such as gas or food vouchers. The team's current sponsors are Buckeye Surf and Snow of Bobcaygeon and Switzer Services.

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Dollo's Master Men's Bonspiel held at the Minden Curling Club

The 14th annual Dollo's Master Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The 16 teams competing this year came from eleven different Ontario curling clubs including Minden. The all day spiel included a delicious lunch for the players.

The bonspiel is sponsored by the local Minden Dollo's Foodland who also supplied the superb meat prizes which were

awarded to the first four winning teams in each draw. The overall winning team and recipient of the Dollo trophy was a team from the Orillia Curling Club skipped by Jim Quigley with Tom Ormsby as vice, Ron Talbot as second and Dave Simpson as lead.

-Submitted by Jim Gillanders

MINOR HOCKEY

Bantam girls win 3-0 over Ennismore

The Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Bantam girls Jets took the win on home ice this past Saturday.

Gillian Rosik started off the Jets scoring, with a backhander in front of the Ennismore Eagles' net, assisted by Trista Young. Emma Tidey scored, unassisted, by winning a battle for the puck against her opponents, skated it in, and shot the puck under the pad of Ennismore's goalie. The final goal of the game was by Jaylin Frost, unassisted, with a beautiful wrist shot ending up with the puck top right corner in the net.

Bella Smolen had a solid game in net and earned the shutout for the Jets.

Come out next weekend and cheer on the team as they play on home ice. Saturday at 4 p.m. against Peterborough and Sunday at 4:30 p.m. against Napanee.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Atom league team plays double header

Local League Pharmsave Atom 1 had a very busy weekend with a double header. On Saturday, Dec. 9, Gravenhurst hosted by South Muskoka. In period 1, Atom 1 got the scoring started with the first goal by Daniel Stephen assisted by Eric Bird and Jacob Mantle. Early in the second period Huntsville scored but Atom 1 answered back with another goal unassisted by Stephen. In

the third period Huntsville answered back with two goals followed by a hat trick by Stephen assisted by Haiden Bird and Bryant Medlar. For a final score of 4-3. Player of the game goes to Medlar.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, Atom 1 hosted Huntsville Hidden Valley Resort for the double header weekend. During the first period Stephen scored the first goal assisted by Eric Bird and Owen Megraw-Poppe. Second period started out strong with all Atom 1 working together as a team to take another lead with another goal unassisted by Bird. Huntsville answered back with matching goals but the Highland Storm kept the pressure on with another unassisted goal by Stephen in the third period but Huntsville Hidden Valley Resort team kept the pressure on with a loss of 10-3. Player of the game goes to Jacob Mantle.

A special thanks to the Seat Medic for the sponsorship.

Submitted by Chris McMartin

Hurricanes win 7-5

This past weekend the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A played a home and home series versus the Woodville Hurricanes. The first game was Friday evening in Minden. Brendan Coumbs got the Storm on the board midway through the opening frame but the Hurricanes tied it up shortly after on a penalty shot. Zach Davis put the Storm back on top scoring on a nice pass from Hunter Arnott. The boys from Woodville then re-

sponded with three unanswered goals to take a 4-2 lead before Jake Sisson scored on the power play near the end of the second period to make it 4-3 Woodville at second intermission. In the third, the teams continued to take turns scoring goals with Storm markers coming from Tyson Clements and a second from Sisson in a 7-5 loss to Woodville Stars.

Saturday's game saw an evenly matched first period until the Hurricanes scored near the end of the period with the puck just barely squeezing between Nate Miscio and the post. Body contact was the theme of the second period with both teams delivering some thundering hits much to the enjoyment of the fans and giving the hometown Hurricanes a 1-0 lead going into the third period. The third period saw a revolving door to the penalty box for both teams which never allowed the Storm to get any momentum and at the final buzzer the boys found themselves without a goal in a 3-0 loss and a home and home series sweep by the Woodville Hurricanes. The Bantams travel to Campbellford on Saturday for a tournament.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Atom A's beat Hurricanes, Wild

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Woodville Hurricanes on Tuesday, Dec. 5 for an exhibition game. The first goal of the game was a beauty wraparound goal by Addison Carr. The next goal Cheyenne Degeer on a pass from Carr to break out of our end then Degeer put on the jets to get through three players and put one high short side. Then Austin Lattanville forced a turnover on their blue line. He deked the goalie to slide one in under the pad. The Woodville Hurricanes scored to hold the line. After that Mak Prentice held the line. He walked in and took a shot from high in the slot. Next a rebound was picked up by Carr and put in. The final goal was a hard backcheck by Johnson who came up with the puck at our blue line. Carr picked it up, dangled through the defence and deked the goalie to put one in. The final score was 5-1 for the Storm.

On Saturday, Dec. 9 the Atom A's travelled to Beaverton to face the Brock Wild. Brock Wild opened the scoring two minutes in. Two minutes later the puck was dished out of the corner to Addison Carr who shoots and scores. In the second the Storm dominated. Carr caused a turnover at our blue line, sped around the D on the left wing, cut in and deked the goalie for his second goal. Carr did this again two minutes later for his hat trick. Right after that Carr was in the neutral zone off the boards to Cheyenne Degeer, Degeer to Brechin Johnson and Johnson scored top shelf. In the third, Brock took a shot from the right wing deep to deflect one off of the goalie and in. Right after, Carr picked up the puck in our end, rushed down the left wing while Brock was changing, gave a pass to Degeer in the slot. She took a shot. Off the pads. She picked up her own rebound and slid one between the legs. This made the final score 5-2 Storm win.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, the Atom A team travelled to Parry Sound to face the Parry Sound Shamrocks.

Unfortunately The Highland Storm lost 5-1. Goal was scored by Brechin Johnston and assisted by Addison Carr. On Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m., the Atom A's will travel to Bracebridge to face the Bracebridge Bears.

Submitted by Amber Card

Atom AE's play Silver Stick tournament

The Atom AE Storm players travelled south to play in the Silver Stick tourna-

ment in Ayr on Dec. 8 and 9. They played two games on Friday. The first game was a 10-0 loss against the Lincoln Blades. Second game was against the Lambeth Lancers. In the first period Parker Simms scored the only goal with the game ending in a 5-1 loss. Early Saturday morning the Storm players faced the Tillsonburg Tornadoes. They started off strong with Jace Mills scoring the first goal. A few short minutes after he scored again. Unfortunately it wasn't enough and the game ended in a 4-2 loss. The love of hockey is with each and every child on that team. A huge shout-out to the coaching staff Andrew Burtch, Richie Mills, Justin Rowden, Chad Russell and team manager, Amanda Rowden for organizing a great weekend.

Peewees battle South Muskoka

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees hosted the Kawartha Coyotes. The Storm were on the board first with a goal by Gage Hutchinson assisted by Avery Degeer and held the 1-0 lead into the second. The Coyotes took control in the second and netted four goals of their own. Ahead 4-1, the Coyotes scored one more at the start of the third. The Storm kept trying everything they could and managed to get one in, scored by Austin Boylan assisted by Kyan Hall and Evan Armstrong, but the Storm fell short losing 5-2.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the Storm headed to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders. The Storm struck first with a goal by Hall assisted by Aiden Perrott and Degeer. The Crusaders came back and scored to tie it up going into the second. The Crusaders netted one in the second to take a 2-1 lead going into the third. The Crusaders scored early off a deflection in the third to put them ahead by two but the Storm came back to score to put them within one goal scored by Boylan unassisted. Storm goalie Taylor Consack shut the door and did everything he could to keep his team in the game but with the final buzzer the Storm lost 3-2. The Storm travelled to Parry Sound on the 10th to take on the Shamrocks. The first period was all Shamrocks with them taking a 3-0 lead heading to the second. The Shamrocks netted another but the Storm took advantage on the power play with Cooper Coles scoring assisted by Hall and Degeer. The Shamrocks put in another, but so did the Storm with a goal by Perrott assisted by Coles to put the score at 5-2 going into the third. The Shamrocks took advantage on the power play and scored again but the Storm started on the attack. Hutchinson scored assisted by Coles to cut the lead in half. The Storm, taking advantage again on the power play, Hutchinson put in another assisted by Hall and Coles, but ran out of time with the Shamrocks taking the game 6-4. Another great effort in between the pipes from goalie Damon Harriss. The Peewees head to Bracebridge on Saturday, Dec. 16 to take on the South Muskoka Bears.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Tykes return as champs

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to Millbrook for their first tournament of the season. Game 1 of the tournament the Storm faced the Mariposa Lightning White. The game ended in a 6-0 win for the Storm. Goals scored by Vanek Logan (3), Jaxen Casey (1), Easton Burk (1), Zack Prentice (1) and assists by Jack Tomlinson (1), Logan (1), Burk (1).

The Storm outplayed the Manvers Mustangs in Game 2, taking the game 10-0. Goals scored by Logan (5), Evan Perrott

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(2), McCartney Saunders (2), Tomlinson (1) and assists by Matthew Scheffee (1), Luke Gruppe (1), Perrott (1).

The Mariposa Lightning Blue was no match for the Storm in the semi-final game. The final outcome was 10-2. Goals scored by Logan (4), Gruppe (3), Casey (2), Tomlinson (1) and assists by Mason Latanville (2), Ethan DeCarlo (2), Tomlinson (2), Burk (2), Saunders (1), Perrott (1), Logan (1).

The Storm treated the crowd to an exciting final game against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. With goals scored by Logan (3), Tomlinson (1), and Latanville (1) the Storm take the game 5-2.

Carter Braun's amazing goaltending contributed greatly to the success of the team

throughout the tournament. The Storm players proved that their hard work and determination would pay off in the end as they claimed the title of A Champions.

Submitted Jessica Tomlinson

Bantam league team starts season 7-0

The Total Site Services bantam local league team has had a great 7-0 start to their season. This weekend they faced some tough competition at the Silver Stick tournament in Haliburton. The first games was against the Apsley Flames. Goalie Darian Maddock had a fantastic game and saw lots of rubber.

For the second game they took on the Thorton Tigers. Nick Phippen was able to score two goalies one unassisted and one

assisted by Cody Martin. Unfortunately the Tigers fought back hard and were able to defeat the Storm 3-2.

For the final game the Storm took on the Mariposa Lightning. Nick Phippen was able to rack up two goals and two assists, Hunter Winder had a goal and an assist and Tyler Martin had two goals and an assist. The team played great together however, it was not enough to keep the Lightning at bay and they were defeated 9-5. Please come out and cheer on the Total Site Service Local League Bantam team next weekend at the Haliburton arena on Saturday at 1 p.m. and on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Greg Phippen

Peewee girls play Lynx

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breaker peewee

girls started the weekend on the road in Lindsay against the Lynx. In a close game the Jets came out on top with a 2-1 win. Both goals were scored by Hailey Hudder, assist to Jordyn Coe.

On Sunday, the girls were on home ice against the Lynx again. The Lynx came to play scoring in the first period. The Jets came back in the second scoring two. With two minutes remaining in the third, Lindsay pulled their goalie and were able to squeak one in. The game ended in a tie 2-2. Goals went to Hudder and Megan Jenkins. Assists to Chloe Billings (2) and Maya Woods and Hudder.

Next game is Saturday against Ennismore in Haliburton at 3 p.m.

Submitted by Tracy Coe

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St. Peter defender Shane Abrams, left, and Red Hawks forward Zach Morissette battle during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks cruised to a 5-2 win despite only having three defencemen dress due to injuries./DARREN LUM Staff

Red Hawks hold off Saints for win

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Three Red Hawks defencemen not only held their own on the defensive end, but also led the team in scoring with three of the five goals scored in the 5-2 win over Peterborough's St. Peter Catholic Secondary School Saints.

Due to injuries to the defensive corps, Yake said the team virtually relied on Jacob Haedicke, Nolan Flood and Shawn Walker to play defence (with a few shifts by Jacob's brother Lucas).

He called his defencemen the players of the game. "We weren't sure they could keep it going the whole game.

It was an amazing effort by the three of them to keep it together and play the whole game with three defence ... those three guys logged pretty much the whole game and controlled a good chunk of it with good solid play so if you're going to give player of the game, [give it] to those three guys," he said.

Jacob scored two goals (his second on an end-to-end rush, a la Bruins' great Bobby Orr) while Walker scored an empty-net goal and Flood finished with two assists.

They were offensive monsters during even-strength and the powerplay, but also responsible in their own end when they needed to be.

Yake believes one or two of his defencemen will recover and be available soon, but didn't say when specifically.

The Saints are a perennial powerhouse in Kawartha.

Historically, the Hawks have had their troubles against the Catholic school squad.

"Whenever we play that team we're always underdogs. We very seldom are victorious against that team," he said.

The Hawks were leading for much of the game 3-0 and almost squandered their lead.

After the Saints scored the first goal early in the third and then another minutes after, there was doubt creeping in on the

Hawks' side, Yake thought.

"Going into the third period up 3-0, I'm sure a few of them were thinking: 'OK, is this when the wheels are going to fall off, or are we going to keep it together?'" he said.

Yake said a goal from Josh Boice's low shot, taken from between the faceoff dots, was well-deserved goal. It gave the Hawks breathing room with minutes left in the game.

"It's a smart play by Josh. He worked really hard all game and I thought he was good guy to get that goal for that situation. It put us back up 4-2. That was definitely a big one to take the pressure off and after that we played much better," he said.

Boice also assisted on Owen Gilbert's goal in the second period. Assists also came from Benn MacNaull and Trevor Turner.

Hawks goalie Carson Sisson, who had a few key saves, earned the win against the Saints.

Yake said his special teams played well with and without the puck, particularly when they had to kill a four-minute major penalty to essentially end the game.

"Our guys did an exceptional job killing penalties when we were involved with that. I thought our powerplay ... we scored our first goal with the powerplay. I thought they did a good job there. So, specialty teams were part of it. The last four minutes was a challenge, no doubt, but our guys pulled through. That's a positive," he said.

Yake said the Hawks will build from this win despite the Saints being weaker than other years.

Hard work paid off in this 5-2 win, which belies the competitiveness of the game.

"We worked hard. Stayed out of the penalty box for the most part. It was a good effort in that sense and we've been working on what are we doing and where we are going to go when we don't have the puck and I thought I saw a lot of good things happening out there. That was huge to getting the win today," he said.

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Four Hawks pin down gold in Peterborough

by **PAUL KLOSE**
Special to the Times

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, the 17 members of the HHSS Wrestling Team travelled to Peterborough to compete at the 17th annual Kenner Collegiate Wrestling Tournament.

All Red Hawks performed very well throughout the day. With each match, HHSS wrestlers improved to earn valuable match experience. Eleven Red Hawks placed in the top four of their weight class. Aidan Coles, Emily Klose, Nik Graham and Matt Manning returned home with gold medals. Bronze medals went to Connie Oh, Ethan Coles and Eli Samson while Brooklyn Spence, Brayden Rodgers, Tyler Wilson and Owen Wootton finished fourth.

Just under 200 competitors from the COSSA and Durham regions attended the event.



Red Hawks wrestlers Eli Samson, left, Nik Graham, Matt Manning, Aidan Coles, Emily Klose and Connie Oh were part of a contingent of 11 wrestlers that finished in the top four at the 17th Annual Kenner Collegiate Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 6 in Peterborough. There were close to 200 competitors from the COSSA and Durham regions that competed. /Submitted by Paul Klose

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Highway work causes short-term negative impact for businesses

by Jerry Grozelle

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Peter Rigby said that although the summer of 2001 has been good to most businesses in Haliburton County, some have endured a reduction in business because of the highway construction in Minden.

The Chamber manager said he has heard from various businesses, with some showing an increase in business in spite of the construction, while others are suffering because of it.

"The road work made it inconvenient [for people traveling along Highway 35 to find the entrances to businesses] and the heavy equipment has a tendency to be intimidating," Rigby said. Some of the clothing stores, restaurants and gift shops seem to have suffered a decrease in business. Overall, Rigby said busi-

ness in the area seems to be up from previous years. "We've been seeing increased visitations at the welcome centre," he said, "which is an indication that business is up."

Rigby noted that the two gas bars on Highway 35 saw a decline in business when work was being done along the highway in front of them. But, when the construction was in front of one gas bar, business increased at the other one. The tradeoff may have offset some of the losses.

Rigby said the construction will be a benefit in the long run. "There are some businesses hurting now," he said. "But, they're telling me 'if I can't make it through now, how's it going to help me later'." Rigby said. "The proof will be to see if they are still in business for the next tourist season."

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Moore's Lake fuel oil spill is quickly contained

by Jerry Grozelle

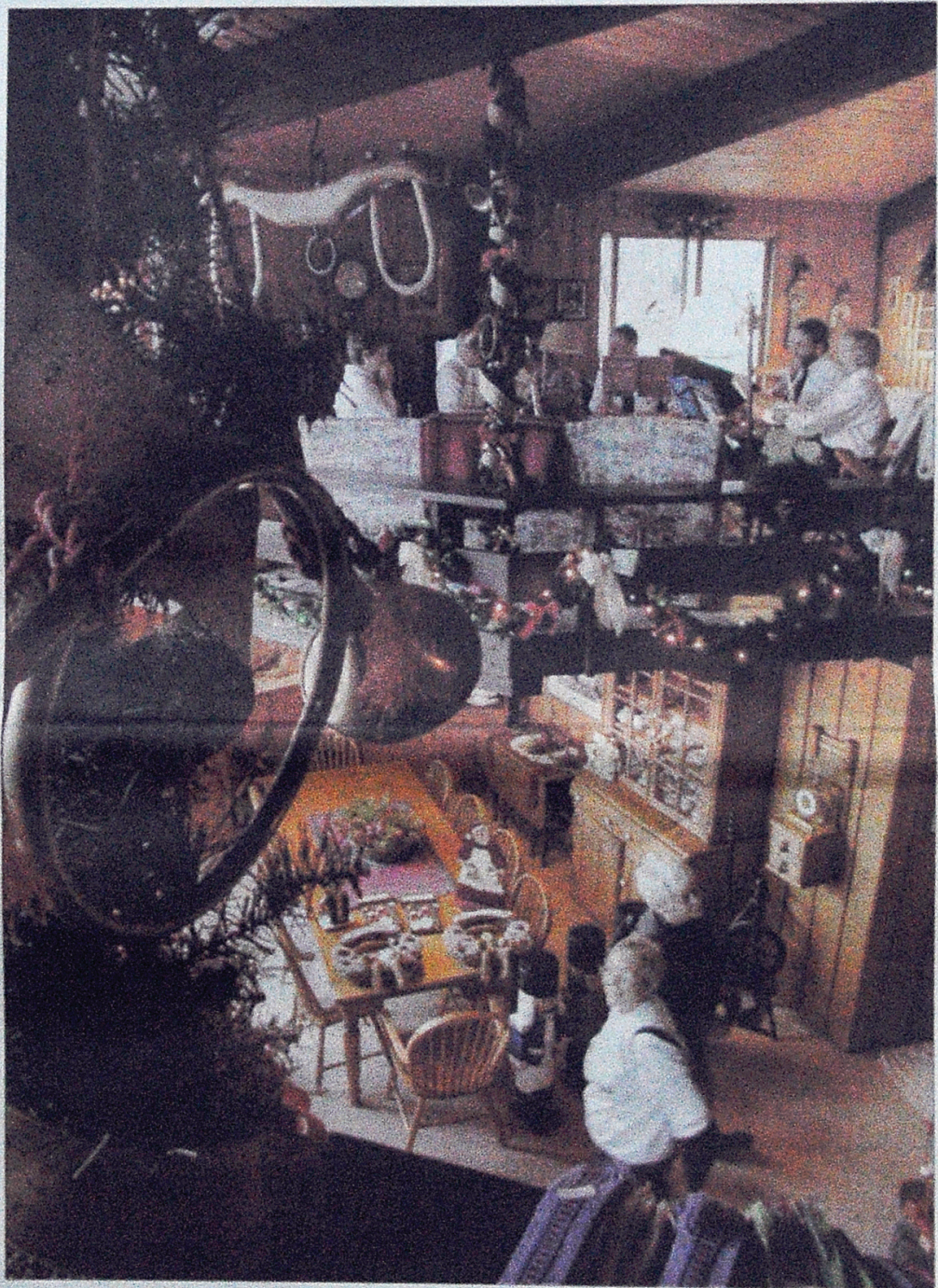
A fuel oil spill seeped into Moore's Lake Wednesday, November 28.

Initial reports are that a local fuel oil company was filling the oil tank at a storage building owned by Paul Pilon at Moore's Falls when the tank overflowed and a quantity of oil made its way to the lake through a drain. The

amount of oil that actually made it to the lake is unknown.

Minden Hills public works superintendent Clayton Cameron said he was notified through the Ministry of Environment Spills Action Centre at about 11:30 a.m. He said a local resident smelled oil and alerted the centre. "The process to get it cleaned up was

See **Quite** page 2



DARREN LUM/ECHO

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While the Highlands Brass Quintet entertains, participants in the weekend's Bed and Breakfast Christmas Tour marvel at Don and Jessie Pflug's deft decorating touch at Stouffer Mill B & B near Halls Lake. With a dozen B&Bs to tour in the Highlands, while raising money for local charities, it was the perfect way to get in the Christmas spirit.

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In keeping with Shirley's wishes, Cremation has taken place. A Private Family Interment will be held at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford, Ontario in the spring of 2018.

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DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross
burgesslt@me.com

The 2018 Dorset Snowball is Saturday, Feb. 17 and there are many fun, family-friendly activities planned once again this year. You might remember the Deep Freeze Winter Campout in 2015 where six people built quinzees and slept in them to raise money for the Health Hub. Combined, the group raised more than \$20,000 in two weeks, thanks to donations from generous groups and individuals. Well it's happening again and this year fundraising will start a bit earlier to hopefully reach more people. If you'd like to participate in the event please email dorsetontario@gmail.com, otherwise keep an eye out on Dorset's website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for more information on how you can donate.

Dorset's annual food and toy drive took place on Dec. 6 and as always, it was a success. Food, toys and monetary dona-

tions collected will go to the Salvation Army in Huntsville to help families in need. Donations are still being collected at Robinson's General Store, or you can drop off cheques at Coldwell Banker made out to "Salvation Army." You can also drop off food donations at the LCBO in Dorset to support the Winter Pantry in Baysville and Dorset.

A note from the Hub: The Dorset Health Hub will be closed Friday, Dec. 22 at 12 p.m. and will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m. Please make sure you have enough of your prescription medications to get you through to the new year. Call your pharmacy and have them check for you. If you need to seek out urgent medical care during the closure, please go to your nearest emergency room or alternatively you can visit the Bracebridge Medical Walk In Clinic, but please call first for holiday hours, at 705-645-1027. Happy holidays from Tanya, Laurie and Katie.

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Men – Claude Cote – 210
This Week's Highs – Women
High Single – Chris Cote – 226
High Triple – Chris Cote – 652
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High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 730
This Weeks Highs – Men
High Single – Ken Thompson – 286
High Triple – Ken Thompson – 671
High Single Hcp – Ken Thompson – 308
High Triple Hcp – Bill Fry – 779

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Dec 5

Men
High Average Claude Cote 227
High Single Brian Haslam 278
High Single H/C Brian Haslam 321
High Triple Claude Cote 728
High Triple H/C Brian Haslam 734

Women
High Average Chris Cote 203

High Single Chris Cote 202
High Single H/C Lisa Ross 266
High Triple Chris Cote 530
High Triple H/C Lisa Ross 692

Fast Lane Bowling Scores for Friday, Dec. 8

Ladies

High average Ren Higgins, Clara Vuksic 171
High single Ren Higgins 213
High triple Ren Higgins 525
High single hcp Ren Higgins 257
High triple hcp Ren Higgins 657

Men

High average Rick West 212
High single John Whitty 228
High triple Ken Thompson 627
High single hcp John Whitty 268
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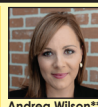
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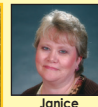
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Mark Dennis*
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Home/Cottage \$359,900

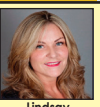
- 64 Acres, Hardwood Forest, Private, Stream
- 1287 Sq Ft, 3 Bdm, 4 pc Bath
- Hike/Quad/Hunt/Fish, 15 Min to Haliburton



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Gull Lake \$939,000

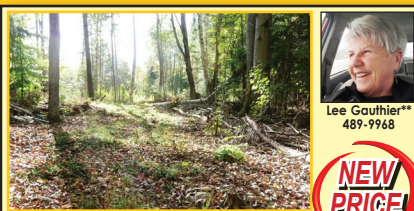
- Immaculate Confederation Log Home
- Year Round Access, spectacular views
- Geo Thermal Heating, Fully Turnkey



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Peach/Kabakwa Lk \$574,900

- Total privacy, stunning views
- Over 2 acres & 200 ft of water frontage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths & hot tub!



Lee Gaulthier**
489-9968



Tulip Rd \$27,000

- Well treed 'high & dry' 2.2 acre building lot
- Site partially cleared, roughed in driveway
- Cell service, only 2 km from Hwy 118/Carnarvon



Scott Harrison*
286-2138 x 28

Kennis Lake Rd \$139,900

- 52.9 Acres of mixed hardwood & Hemlock
- Yr-round access mins to West Guildford
- Well is in, Building Site Cleared



Andrew Hodgson**
286-2138 x 29

Kashagawigamog Lake \$189,000

- Great opportunity to build your home/cottage
- 3 separate lots that are being sold together
- Waterfront is across the road, 5 Lk chain access



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake Access \$319,900

- 4-season home or cottage
- Deeded lake access just up the road
- Double lot for exceptional privacy

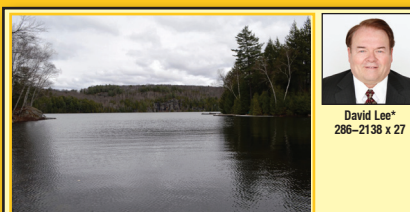


Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049



New Minden Home!! \$359,900

- Bright & Spacious 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath Bungalow
- In town w/ Quality Finishes, High Efficiency
- Booking Model Home Showings NOW!



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Diamond Lake Lot \$114,900

- Lovely lot on a deep, clean lake
- Off a year round road with driveway Installed
- Site has been cleared, 15 mins to Bancroft



Erin Nicholls*
457-2128 x 34

Haliburton Home \$299,000

- Classic 4 bdrm home right in Haliburton Village
- Amazing view over Head Lake + shop & garage
- Sits on a 1.3 acre lot with nice backyard



Brandon Nimigon
457-2128 x 27

West Lake Lots from \$239,900

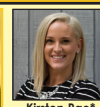
- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from
- Access via township road, terrific building sites
- Suitable for home or cottage location



Karen Nimigon**
457-2128 x 29

Lake Lorraine \$114,000

- 1+ acre lot with 30' lakefront on a pretty lake
- Great building lot awaiting your imagination
- Own waterfront at an affordable price



Kirsten Roe*
286-2138 x 30

Kennis River \$109,900

- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Wilberforce Home \$276,000

- Huge home on 3 acres of privacy
- 3 levels, lots of room for the whole family
- Plus several W/O's, rec room w/bar & more



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Overlooking Beech Lake \$297,500

- Perfect size year round cottage or home
- 2 bedroom + 2 story bunkie & lots of updates
- 100' of sandy beach & dock across the road



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Minden (705) 286-2138

Carnarvon (705) 489-9968

Kennis/Redstone (705) 754-1932

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